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SUBJ: RWANDA ORDERS EXPULSION OF UGANDAN ASIAN REFUGEES

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1. UNHCR KIGALI REP STANLEY WRIGHT HAS JUST INFORMED EMBASSY GOR HAS ORDERED EXPULSION OF SOME 45-50 ASIAN UGANDAN PASSPORT HOLDERS WHO HAD TAKEN REFUGEE IN RWANDA. ASIANS INFORMED OF DECISION MARCH 26 AND TOLD THEY HAD 24 HOURS TO LEAVE COUNTRY. THROUGH WRIGHT' S EFFORTS DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL MIDNIGHT MARCH 31 AND HE THINKS SOME FLEXIBILITY BEYOND THEN POSSIBLE. WRIGHT HAS REQUESTED URGENT INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GENEVA HEADQUARTERS (REFTEL).

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2. WRIGHT TOLD BY MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION SEC GEN GAKIRE THAT REASON FOR EXPUL-
SION ORDER WAS IN EFFECT AN ULTIMATUM BY UGANDA
TO CLOSE BORDER. GAKIRE REMARKED TO WRIGHT THAT
RWANDA WORRIED ABOUT TENSION BETWEEN UGANDA AND
TANZANIA AND DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN THAT
DISPUTE.
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